



MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Description of proposal: Crestview VRH & VDT Timber Sale 30-082089 and attached Forest Practice Application No. 2413568, a four unit proposal, plus associated right of way, comprised of 233 acres of two variable retention harvest units and two variable density thinning units totaling an estimated 7,866 MBF. The proposal includes 6,161 feet of optional construction, 1,746 feet of optional reconstruction, 31,736 feet of required pre-haul maintenance, 6,299 feet of abandonment, if existing or constructed.

Description of mitigation: The following Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) procedures apply:

Northern Spotted Owls – This proposal is located within a Mineral Creek Lower Status 1R Owl Circle, but is outside the 0.7 mile inner circle, PR 14-004-120,

Marbled Murrelet– This proposal is located within the HCP South Puget Planning Unit, which does not have a Marbled Murrelet Reclassified Habitat model. No suitable Marbled Murrelet Habitat was identified within the harvest boundaries or within 300 feet of the harvest boundaries, PR 14-004-320,

Riparian Management Zones (RMZs) – Two Type 3 streams and Sahara Creek are protected with 186 foot buffers. Three Type 4 streams are protected with 100 foot buffers. Three Type 5 streams are protected with 30 foot equipment limitation zones. No harvest will occur within the RMZs. All buffers on streams associated with this proposal meet or exceed HCP requirements, PR 14-004-150,

Rain on Snow – This proposal is located within the designated rain on snow zone in sub-basin # 3 within the Reese Creek WAU and sub-basin #2 within the Mashel WAU. Following harvest the Reese Creek sub-basin will have approximately 82 acres above threshold for hydrologic maturity and the Mashel sub-basin will have approximately 16 acres above threshold for hydrologic maturity, PR 14-004-060,

Retention Trees– An average of 8 trees per acre will be retained in Units #2 and #4. Following harvest, Unit 1 will be a fully stocked stand with a residual relative density (RD) of 48. Following harvest Unit 3 will be a hydrologically mature stand with a residual RD of 25. Leave trees designated were selected from the best formed trees, PR 14-004-210,

Roads – To reduce potential for negative resource impacts during the typical wet season, road construction, rock haul and timber haul will not be permitted from November 1 to May 31, or at all on weekends or state recognized holidays unless authority to do so is granted, in writing, by the Contract Administrator. If permission is granted to operate between November 1 and May 31, the Purchaser may be required to provide a "Closed Season Plan" to include further protection of water, soil, roads and other forest assets. The "Closed Season Plan" must be approved in writing by the Contract Administrator. At any time during periods of wet weather, the yarding of timber, road construction and hauling of logs will not be permitted if excessive rutting occurs. This proposal includes the removal of 1 culvert in a fish stream and 3 culverts in non-fish streams. All other culvert installations and removals are for cross drains. Rock for this proposal may come from the state owned Primo Pit or a potential onsite rock source.

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For specifics on all mitigation measures consult the SEPA document for this proposal.

Proponent: Department of Natural Resources

Location of proposal, including street address, if any: The proposal is located in Sections 13 and 24 both in Township 15 North, Range 5 East, W.M., and Sections 17, 19 and 20 all in Township 15 North, Range 6 East, W.M., The Primo Rock Pit is located in Section 20, Township 15 North, Range 6 East, W.M. The haul route is located in the same Sections plus Sections 2, 3, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, 20, and 23 all in Township 15 North, 5 East, W.M., and Sections 17, 18, 20, 28 and 29 all in Township 15 North, Range 6 East, W.M. The proposal area is located approximately 7 miles northwest of Ashford in Pierce County. See the attached Forest Practices Application.

Lead agency: Department of Natural Resources

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

☐ There is no comment period for this Mitigated DNS.

☒ This MDNS is issued under 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from JULY 23, 2009. Comments must be submitted by August 6, 2009.

Responsible official: Randy Acker

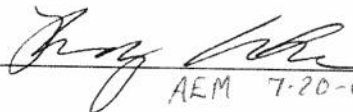
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